

Table 3

Employed artists and cultural workers in Washington state by discipline and top industry sectors, 2000

	% of occupational employment	
	WA state	United States
Visual artists		
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related	34.4	27.1
Other professional, scientific and technical services	16.6	18.6
Specialized design services	4.8	6.4
Toys, amusement, and sporting goods manufacturing	4.3	3.6
Newspaper publishers	3.9	3.4
% of occupation in top 5 industries	64.1	
Performing artists		
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related	20.6	21.6
Radio and television broadcasting and cable	19.7	26.6
Motion pictures and video industries	16.5	21.8
Colleges and universities, including junior colleges	9.7	3.9
Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	3.6	4.5
% of occupation in top 5 industries	70.1	
Musicians and composers		
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related	50.3	45.0
Religious organizations	25.6	34.1
Sound recording industries	3.6	2.9
Colleges and universities, including junior colleges	1.7	1.6
Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	1.7	1.9
% of occupation in top 5 industries	82.8	
Writers and authors		
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related	37.8	36.3
Publishing, except newspapers and software	6.8	8.5
Civic, social, advocacy organizations, and grantmaking orgs	5.6	2.8
Advertising and related services	4.3	8.4
Newspaper publishers	3.5	6.1
% of occupation in top 5 industries	58.0	
Architects		
Architectural, engineering, and related services	78.4	78.2
Landscaping services	4.2	3.5
Construction	2.7	3.6
Other general government and support	1.5	0.8
Administration of environmental quality and housing programs	1.3	0.7
% of occupation in top 5 industries	88.1	
Archivists, curators, conservators		
Museums, art galleries, historical sites, and similar institutions	58.0	58.3
Libraries and archives	9.9	6.2
Justice, public order, and safety activities	5.0	0.4
Paper and paper product wholesalers	4.6	0.1
Dairy product manufacturing	3.8	0.1
% of occupation in top 5 industries	81.4	
Designers		
Specialized design services	22.5	20.7
Retail florists	8.0	11.7
Architectural, engineering, and related services	6.0	5.6

Aircraft and parts manufacturing	3.0	0.2
Advertising and related services	2.9	4.3
% of occupation in top 5 industries	42.2	
Other performing artists		
Independent artists, performing arts, spectator sports, and related	50.7	42.6
Drinking places, alcoholic beverages	17.1	10.2
Other amusement, gambling, and recreation industries	7.5	19.4
Radio and television broadcasting and cable	6.8	1.4
Electronic shopping and mail-order houses	6.5	0.3
% of occupation in top 5 industries	88.7	
Media/communication workers		
Newspaper publishers	16.8	20.3
Radio and television broadcasting and cable	9.3	15.1
Publishing, except newspapers and software	8.9	15.0
Other professional, scientific and technical services	6.3	3.6
Computer systems design and related services	4.4	2.8
% of occupation in top 5 industries	45.7	
Media equipment operators		
Radio and television broadcasting and cable	25.5	32.3
Sound recording industries	12.7	8.2
Motion pictures and video industries	9.5	11.2
Other consumer goods rental	4.6	0.4
Architectural, engineering, and related services	4.2	1.8
% of occupation in top 5 industries	56.5	

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